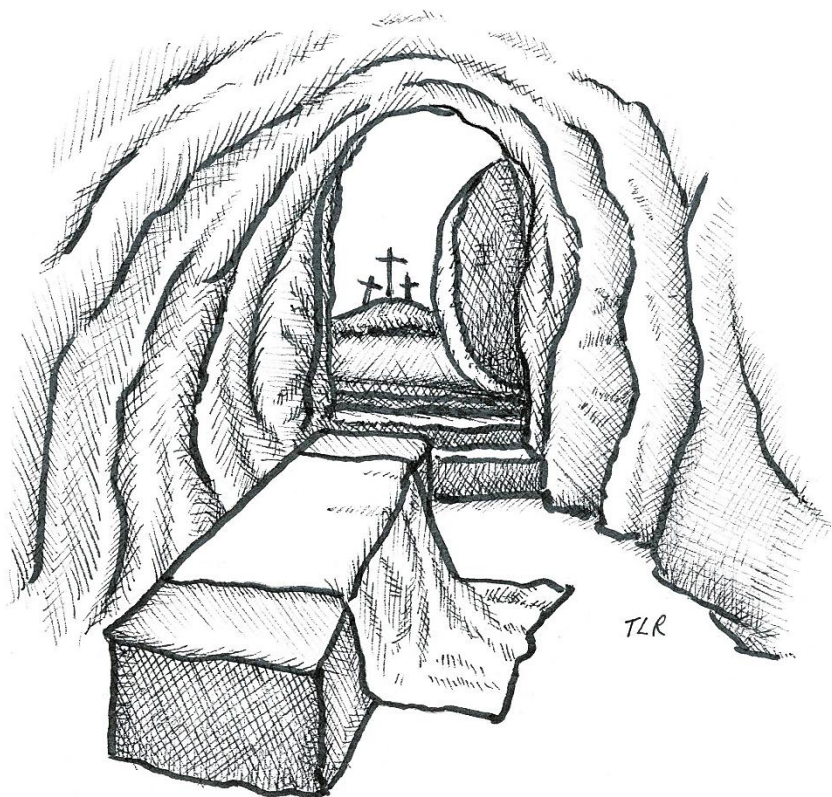


HE LIVES



"Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen."

-Luke 24:5b-6a (LSB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Easter Sunday, April 20th, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY: EASTER SUNDAY

The Twentieth Day of April, *in the Year of our Lord 2025*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Early Service—8:30 AM.

Opening Hymn: *"Because He Lives"* (#169).

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-20.

Message: *"AND IF CHRIST BE NOT RISEN..."*

Morning Worship—9:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"He is Lord"* (#21).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Christ Arose!"* (#166).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: I Cor. 15:1-11.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"In the Garden"* (#19).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* (#165).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION."*

Closing Hymn:* *"He Lives"* (#167).

Benediction.*



Week of April 13 – April 19

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—13; Midweek—5;

Weekly Offering—\$435.00; Video (*"The Royal Law"*)—125 views.

Brethren Heritage & Beliefs Class: Monday, 6:30 PM.

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study: Thursday, 6:30 PM.

Cover Art: *"Why are you looking among the dead?"* by Pastor Terry L. Reese

Africa Update (Pastor Keith Merriman, 4/7/25)

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Simon Peter called this morning and said that they had five people saved at the Gagama GBC in Eastern Uganda this weekend. They are planning a baptism for these new believers soon. Pray for their spiritual growth. Also there are two other GBC churches in that area that need zinc for roofs on their buildings. Total cost for both about \$1100.00

Praise the Lord we had a special gift to purchase land and a building for the Mathare GBC in Nairobi, Kenya. Remember their church was washed away last year by the flood and we helped 8 of the families relocate and also the church to find a place to rent. The owner of the property that they have been renting has agreed to sell for \$3300. Pray the Lord will allow the transaction to go well and the government will give the necessary paperwork.

We also had a special gift to help purchase land for the Bertoua GBC in Eastern Cameroon. Pastor Godfroid's church has raised \$2500 but they needed \$4000 more to purchase the land and acquire the government papers. Praise the Lord the need was met. Pray that they also will have favor by the government and that the purchase will go well. Remember this is the church that pastor Godfroid began among the Muslims in that area. At this time four have come to Christ. Praise the Lord. The church has been meeting in Godfroids living room but have outgrown the room and now need a structure on the land.

I also spoke with Pastor Salomon today he and Mary are in Chad for the National Conference of CGBCI churches. He said it is 41 degrees Celsius that is 105.8 Fahrenheit. They are sweltering! pray for their health and well being during this conference. Salomon also shared that the new well has been dug at their home and a temporary water holding tank put in place until the tower tank can be installed. They have really good water pressure and now are waiting for the water analysis to come back to see if they can drink the water without filtering it.

Also don't forget to pray for the upcoming trip to America for Salomon and Mary. They would like to stop and see Salomon's brother in Paris but they need the French visas. They have a meeting for the visas April 22nd pray they will be granted. I am putting together an itinerary for them when they are in America. I will be contacting churches soon.

Thanks for all your gifts and prayers for the African ministry. God bless, Keith



Presidential Message on Holy Week, 2025

The White House, April 13, 2025

This Holy Week, Melania and I join in prayer with Christians celebrating the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—the living Son of God who conquered death, freed us from sin, and unlocked the gates of Heaven for all of humanity.

Beginning with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and culminating in the Paschal Triduum, which begins on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Good Friday, and reaching its pinnacle in the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This week is a time of reflection for Christians to memorialize Jesus' crucifixion—and to prepare their hearts, minds, and souls for His miraculous Resurrection from the dead.

During this sacred week, we acknowledge that the glory of Easter Sunday cannot come without the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on the cross. In His final hours on Earth, Christ willingly endured excruciating pain, torture, and execution on the cross out of a deep and abiding love for all His creation. Through His suffering, we have redemption. Through His death, we are forgiven of our sins. Through His Resurrection, we have hope of eternal life. On Easter morning, the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, and light prevails over darkness—signaling that death does not have the final word.

This Holy Week, my Administration renews its promise to defend the Christian faith in our schools, military, workplaces, hospitals, and halls of government. We will never waver in safeguarding the right to religious liberty, upholding the dignity of life, and protecting God in our public square.

As we focus on Christ's redeeming sacrifice, we look to His love, humility, and obedience—even in life's most difficult and uncertain moments. This week, we pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our beloved Nation. We pray that America will remain a beacon of faith, hope, and freedom for the entire world, and we pray to achieve a future that reflects the truth, beauty, and goodness of Christ's eternal kingdom in Heaven.

May God bless you and your family during this special time of year and may He continue to bless the United States of America. — Donald J. Trump

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, representing Donald J. Trump.